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1. Q. Describe the daily and monthly garrison, combat, and hospital rations.

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A. I have no information on garrison, combat, and hospital rations, inasmuch as I never had the opportunity to eat in these messes. [redacted]
officers' mess of the hospital staff. At the mess there was no milk or white bread, eggs were rarely served, meat was served three times daily and stewed instead of fresh fruit was usually served.

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2. Q. What are the differences between rations supplied to officers and enlisted men?
 - A. I know very little about rations supplied to enlisted men except that I heard that they were poorly fed, their meals consisting principally of gruel, potatoes, soup, and bread.
3. Q. What is the source of supply of rations for the Russian army of occupation in Germany?
 - A. With the exception of grain, which I think came from the Soviet Union due to the shortage of grain in Eastern Germany, practically all the food was obtained from the German economy.
4. Q. To what extent are canned products (including tin cans and glass jars) used in the ration?
 - A. So far as I can recall, fish, pickles and tomatoes were the principal preserved products used in the ration.
5. Q. Describe containers (cans or jars) as to contents and size.
 - A. Since I never saw any containers I have no information on this subject.
6. Q. Comment on storage and transport of army rations.
 - A. I have no information on the storage and transport of army rations.
7. Q. What is the extent of stockpiling of foodstuffs for the army?
 - A. I have no information on the extent of stockpiling of foodstuffs for the army.
8. Q. Please give location, size, capacity, number of workers, and actual production of the food processing, meat packing and general canning plants of Omsk, Sverdlovsk, and Molotov.
 - A. I know of no food processing, meat packing and general canning plants in Omsk, Sverdlovsk, and Molotov. So far as I know, Sverdlovsk and Molotov receive most of their food from the outside. I think it is possible that Omsk may have a fish packing plant because of its location on the Irtysh River.
9. Q. Tell what you know about Zavod No 174 in Voroshilov just south of the main railroad station in Omsk. What were the products of this Plant?
 - A. I have no information on Zavod No 174 in Voroshilov.
10. Q. What tank personnel did you service, and from their remarks, or your observations, what was the extent of tank activity in Omsk? Describe function of tank units in Omsk with particular reference to receiving new tanks from plant 174.
 - A. I did not service any tank personnel while in Omsk and knew of no tank activity in the area.
11. Q. Chemical Combine 98K is located in a bend of the Kama River, coordinates approximately 58°00' N, 55°53' E, and was assessed by German World War II intelligence as a large explosives and ammunition loading installation. There is little postwar information on this plant. Do you have any information, even hearsay information, on its present size and activities?
 - A. I know of the existence of the Chemical Combine, located in a bend of the Kama River but have no information concerning it except that it is allegedly very large. I do, however, know of the existence of a gun factory located on the banks of the Kama River, at approximately 5618N-5802E [redacted]
[redacted] One could hear guns being fired into the region directly across the river from the plant.

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12. Q. The Molotov Fuze and Electronics Plant, No 260, approximate coordinates 57°59' N, 56°15' E (at southern outskirts of the city), is currently believed to be producing electronic equipment and precision instruments for civilian use; production of fuzes for ammunition is however, believed to be continuing at a reduced rate. Can you confirm even by hearsay the continued production of fuzes?

A. I know of no fuze and electronics plant in Molotov but there is some kind of plant at the coordinates 57°59N-56°15E.

13. Q. Can you confirm or deny the existence of a rocket-ammunition plant in Sverdlovsk - reportedly located in the southern part of the city near the railroad line to Nizhne-Iset?

A. I know nothing about a rocket-ammunition plant in Sverdlovsk.

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[redacted] there is a large restricted area somewhere in the region bounded by Nizhne-Isetskiy, Maly Istok, and Bol'shoy Istok. Extreme security measures were followed, including special passes and close scrutiny before one was permitted to enter the area. There was allegedly a large number of troops in the area, but beyond this I have no additional information.

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